



# November 2014 Newsletter



## Janet's Wee Blether

I hope you are all hail and hearty after the amazing summer we have just had! I spent loads of time hacking around the golf course in the blistering heat! Unfortunately the sailing season was not that great - either too much wind or none at all!

I am now looking forward to an excellent season at Glenshee with bumper snowfall!

Hopefully I will see you all at the AGM for a catch-up!!

Notice of AGM at the end of the Newsletter.

### Film Nights

As in previous years we will be holding 3 Film Nights - 15th January, 12th February and 19th March. These have evolved into more of a blether night with a DVD shown up until 9.00, followed by the buffet and bledthers. At the last Film Night slides were shown of skiing in Glenshee and the Portes du Soleil in France. This was very well received. As the supply and standard of DVD's has diminished what we will do this year is ask any of you to bring your own pictures to display. If none appear on the night we will show a DVD.

### Portes du Soleil

Those of you that have skied the Portes du Soleil area will probably know that if you ski the circuit it breaks at Chatel and you have to get a bus. Well this year that is to stop as they have built two new chairlifts at Lac de Vonnes - one going up to Super Chatel and the other to Linga. For the following season they intend to have a piste from Super Chatel down to Lac de Vonnes.

This should mean that the buses will be quieter - just hope they don't use it as an excuse to cut the number of buses!

### Ski Morzine France

Helena McClintock, club member and daughter of Chris Wood the Treasurer, has set up a business with her husband Ricey in Morzine to provide ski lessons. Helena and Ricey have lived in the area for a number of years and Ricey is a fully qualified instructor and Helena has only got her BASI Level 4 Technical left to complete to qualify to teach in France.

For further details see their website  
[www.skibeyond.co.uk](http://www.skibeyond.co.uk)

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<p><b><u>Tiso</u></b></p> <p>Tiso is gearing up for the new season and 3 years ago they acquired Blues the ski shop. There are Blues concessions in the Tiso stores at Perth and Aberdeen with one to be opened in Inverness this October.</p> <p>If you buy ski boots from them they endeavor to make them as comfortable as possible - "if at any time your boots give you any trouble, bring them back in and we will happily make any adjustments free of charge to ensure they reach the level of comfort you expect."</p> <p>For your new all mountain skis they have Rossignol and Nordica in stock.</p>	<p><b><u>GPS</u></b></p> <p>Glenshee Performance Squad is gearing up for the new season and those of you wishing to take part should look at the website for information on</p> <p>1/ Block dates for training. (Remember all trainees must book and pay through the website this year).</p> <p>2/ Information about the Highlander Long Term Athlete Development Programme and training options.</p> <p>3/ Information about races.</p>	<p><b><u>Meall Odhar T Bar</u></b></p> <p>Janet and I were up at the Day Lodge recently and we noticed down at the Centre there was a large engine lying there about to be taken away. We met one of the workers on the hill and it transpired that the engine was from the Meall Odhar T- Bar which has been dismantled. When we go back into the history of the Club this was the original tow erected by members of the Club before the creation of the Chairlift Company. Those of you who have attended recent Film Nights will have seen footage of this in Jimmy Bruce's Film.</p> <p>The Poma Lift remains but they found that the T-Bar was in the way when they repeatedly had to dig out the Poma lift last season.</p>
	<p><b><u>Snowsport Scotland</u></b></p> <p>Glenshee Day Ticket £29</p> <p>Glenshee Junior Day Ticket £19</p> <p>As Dundee Ski Club is a member of Snowsport Scotland you can get a discount of 10% on production of your membership card at the ticket office.</p>	



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## Dr Paul Mackenzie died 16th September 2014

I have to record the death of Dr Paul Mackenzie TD Cstj at the age of 95. He was a life member of the Club and I met him when I was at school as he was the school doctor. He lived in Forgandenny near Bridge of Earn and he set up the Glenshee Ski Rescue Service and I remember seeing him at Glenshee at the weekends. According to the Obituary in the Scotsman he was a successful competitive skier and the medical officer of Dundee Ski Club. He skied from the age of 10 and remained a skier into his late 80s, usually at Arosa in Switzerland and Lech in Austria, where he stayed at the hotel of his close friend Othmar Schneider, a former Olympic gold medalist.

We received apologies from him. I think for the 75th Celebration, that he was unable to attend as he would be away in Lech seeing his friend Othmar.

As well as skiing he was involved with the Territorial Army and the Royal Company of Archers and was also a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, daughter Fiona and son Ruari.

You may still be able to view the full obituary by going to [www.scotsman.com/news/obituaries](http://www.scotsman.com/news/obituaries)

### Warren Miller Film

The latest Warren Miller film "No Turning Back" is showing on Tues 2nd December at Perth Concert Hall and on Wed 3rd December at the DCA in Dundee.

### Dundee Mountain Film Festival

The Mountain Film Festival takes place from 27th to 29th November at Discovery Point and the Bonar Hall.

For full details and tickets go to [www.dundeemountainfilmfestival.org.uk](http://www.dundeemountainfilmfestival.org.uk)

## NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Of DUNDEE SKI CLUB

Notice is hereby given that the 73rd Annual General Meeting of Dundee Ski Club is to be held within the Royal Tay Yacht Club at 8pm on Thursday 20th November 2014.

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
3. Matters arising
4. President's report
5. Summary of Accounts
6. Election of Office Bearers and Committee
7. Any other competent business

Refreshments will be served after the meeting

If you intend coming to the AGM, would you please let Roger or Janet know by phone or email.